

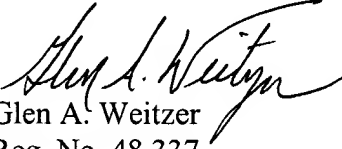
### **REMARKS**

Applicants cancel claims 18, 30, and 34, amend claims 15, 29, and 31 such that claims 1-3, 5-17, 19-22, 24-29, and 31-33 are pending in this application.

Applicants initially note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-3 and 5-14 and identified allowable subject matter in claims 18, 30, and 31. Applicants rewrite objected-to dependent claim 18 in independent form as newly-amended independent claim 15 and objected-to dependent claim 30 in independent form as newly-amended independent claim 29. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 15 and 29 are allowable. Claims 16-17, 19-22, and 24-28 and claims 31-33 depend from allowable independent claims 15 and 29, respectively, and are therefore allowable for the same and other reasons.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should the Examiner determine that such action would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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